

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A strip for reinforcement of canvasses having a plastic coating, wherein said strip comprises at least one elongated metal member and a matrix of a thermoplastic material, said thermoplastic material being extruded on said elongated metal member and said thermoplastic material being adherable to said plastic coating of said canvas, wherein said elongated metal member is coated with a primer layer and said thermoplastic material is extruded on the coated metal member, and wherein said thermoplastic material adheres to said elongated metal member.
2. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said primer layer comprises a thermosetting material.
3. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 2, wherein said thermosetting material is selected from the group consisting of acrylate based resins, epoxy based resins or alkyd based resins.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A strip according to claim 1,~~ **A strip for reinforcement of canvasses having a plastic coating, wherein said strip comprises at least one elongated metal member and a matrix of a thermoplastic material, said thermoplastic material being extruded on said elongated metal member and said thermoplastic material being adherable to said plastic coating of said canvas, wherein said elongated metal member is coated with a primer layer and said thermoplastic material is extruded on the coated metal member, wherein said thermoplastic material adheres to said elongated metal member, and** wherein said primer layer comprises a hot melt.
5. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 4, wherein said hot melt is selected from the group consisting of ethylene copolymers, polyamides or polyesters.

6. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said primer layer comprises a bifunctional silane compound.
7. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic material is polyvinylchloride.
8. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic material is a polyvinylchloride compound.
9. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than  $1500 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .
10. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than  $1700 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .
11. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a thickness of less than 0.35 mm.
12. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a wire with a rounded I-profile.
13. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a steel wire with a carbon content of at least 0.40%.
14. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said metal member comprises at least two metal members.
15. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 14, wherein the metal members are located parallel in the plane of the strip, each metal member being in contact with at least one other metal member.

16. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, wherein the metal member is coated with a zinc layer or with a zinc alloy layer.
17. (Previously Presented) A fabric for reinforcement of canvasses having a plastic coating, said fabric comprising a warp and a weft, at least one of the warp or the weft being formed by a strip according to claim 1.
18. (Currently Amended) A fabric according to claim ~~1~~ 17, wherein both the warp and the weft are formed by said strip.
19. (Previously Presented) Use of a strip according to claim 1 for reinforcement of a canvass.
20. (Previously Presented ) Use of a fabric according to claim 17 for reinforcement of a canvass.